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SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA

1. ON JUNE 25 CUBA'S DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS LAST DECEMBER ARRIVED IN CARACAS. IN A STATEMENT AT THE AIRPORT, AMBASSADOR NORBERTO HERNANDEZ CUBELO SAID THAT HIS ARRIVAL "INITIATED A NEW ERA IN RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND VENEZUELA, WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO STRENGTHENING TRADITIONAL TIES OF CONFRATERNITY BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES." HERNANDEZ WAS GREETED AT THE AIRPORT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CUBAN AND SOVIET EMBASSIES AND BY A PROTOCOL OFFICER FROM THE VENEZUELAN FOREIGN MINISTRY. CARACAS PRESS REPORTS ON HERNANDEZ'S ARRIVAL NOTE THAT THIS IS HIS FIRST AMBASSADORIAL POST AND THAT HE HAS SERVED SINCE 1969 AS A SECTION CHIEF IN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

2. ACCORDING TO A FBIS REPORT, VENEZUELA'S AMBASSADOR TO CUBA, ADOLFO RAUL TYLHARDAT, TOLD A PRENSA LATINA CORRESPONDENT IN CARACAS ON JUNE 25 THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN CUBA AND VENEZUELA SIGNIFIES RESUMPTION OF THE TRADITIONAL AND HISTORIC BONDS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. TAYLHARDAT REPORTEDLY TERMED LATIN AMERICAN INTEGRATION AS AN IRREVERSIBLE PROCESS AND SAID THAT BOTH VENEZUELA AND CUBA WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE FORMATION OF A NEW ECONOMIC SYSTEM FOR LATIN AMERICA (SELA) AND IN THE CARIBBEAN

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MULTINATIONAL SHIPPING ENTERPRISE. HE ALSO REPORTEDLY SAID

THAT AN IMPORTANT AMOUNT OF TRADE COULD DEVELOP BETWEEN THE
TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN A "RELATEVELY SHORT TIME".
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